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TELL CITY MAN SENTENCED FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Andrew Unser, 29, Tell City, Indiana, was sentenced to 37 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to failure to register as a sex offender, announced Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. This case was the result of an investigation by the United States Marshals Service and Perry County Police Department.

Unser was required to register based on a conviction for the offense of sexual abuse in the first degree against a female under the age of twelve in Daviess County, Kentucky. Unser lived and worked in Tell City, Indiana and did not register with the Perry County Sheriff's Department as a sex offender as required.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed a life time term of supervised release following Unser's release from prison. During the period of supervised release, Unser must comply with all sex offender registration laws and must participate in a substance abuse prevention program.

Unser was charged as part of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 which was enacted on July 27, 2006. The Act, which is titled in honor of Adam Walsh, the son of America's Most Wanted television host John Walsh, who was abducted and murdered in 1981, at the age of six, is intended to protect children from sexual exploitation and violent crime and to honor the memory of child crime victims. The offense imposes criminal penalties against sex offenders who travel across state boundaries without registering with state sex offender registries in states where they reside, are employed, or are students.

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This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

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